

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 14-18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~The third object of the invention is accomplished by~~ The present invention also provides a wax composition containing a high-melting wax component having an endothermic peak at 100°C or higher in differential scanning calorimetry (DSC), a low-melting wax component having an endothermic peak at 40°C or higher and lower than 100°C in DSC, and a polymer. The composition contains the two wax components as main components.

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, lines 21-28, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Since the wax is mixed with the component in the state in which crystals of the wax remain, it is preferred to use a mixing apparatus for mixing a high-viscosity material. Since it is necessary to control the mixing temperature to an optimum temperature ~~of not higher~~ lower than the melting completion temperature of the wax in order to obtain a uniform mixed state, a temperature-controllable mixing container is preferred. The mixing apparatus is preferably designed to cool its moving parts, such as a rotor or a screw, as well. From these considerations, mixing is preferably carried out by use of a pressure kneader, an open kneader or a roll kneader.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 26, line 26, through page 27, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In another embodiment of the process of producing a moistureproof article, the process is for producing a laminate and includes the step of melt molding the wax composition of the third embodiment into a film or a sheet by T-die extrusion or blown-film extrusion by use of an extruder. The process is characterized in that the temperature of the wax composition being extruded from an extruder, etc. is such that the ratio of the endothermic value in the region higher than ~~the heating temperature~~ the temperature to the endothermic value in the region lower than ~~the heating temperature~~ the temperature in a DSC curve of the wax composition (temperature rise rate: 5°C/min) is 0.1 to 5.0.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 27, lines 3-5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In either embodiment, the ratio of the endothermic value in the region higher than ~~the heating temperature~~ the temperature to the endothermic value in the region lower than ~~the heating temperature~~ the temperature is preferably 0.2 to 4.0, more preferably 0.2 to 3.0.

Please replace the paragraph at page 32, lines 14-30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A coating composition consisting of 80 wt% of cyclohexane, 16 wt% of candelilla wax, and 4 wt% of natural rubber was prepared according to the following procedures. Deproteinized natural rubber (available from Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd.) was dissolved in cyclohexane by stirring for 3 days. Finely ground candelilla wax (available from Cerarica Noda Co., Ltd.; melting point: 64°C) was added to the solution and dissolved at 70°C to prepare a coating composition. The resulting coating composition (solids content: 20 wt%) was applied to paper (coated board) with a #40 bar coater at room temperature and air dried. After the coating dried, the coating composition was again applied with the same bar

coater and air dried. After completion of the second application, the residual cyclohexane content in the coating film was measured as follows. One gram of the coating film was scraped off and dissolved ~~in 10 ml~~ in 10 ml of toluene. The resulting sample solution was analyzed on a gas chromatograph (Agilent 6890) equipped with a flame ionization detector to determine the residual cyclohexane. The results obtained are shown in Table 1-1. Table 1-1 shows that the coating film of the composition prepared by the above-described process had a residual cyclohexane content as high as 0.1 wt% even on the 7th day after application.